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For:	"GUIDED MODE LASER APPARATUS WITH IMPROVED CLADDING STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF FABRICATING THEREOF")	Date: July 20, 2004
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on March 3, 2004, a response to which is due no later than **September 3, 2004**, Applicants submit this paper together with a petition for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$420.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.1.17(a)(2). Please consider the following remarks. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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